Plea for Migrant Jews

In 1947 the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, better known by the initials, HIAS, spent nearly $700,000 more than it received to carry on its work in fifty countries in all parts of the world. It did this so that it might be able to continue to say that in its sixty-three years it never has turned a deaf ear to those who knew not where else to turn. Once its functions were comparatively simple, consisting largely of assisting those who sought refuge in America from the persecutions abroad. Now they have become tremendously complex since Jews not only in Europe but in many other lands outside our own, uncertain regarding their future safety, are on the move. Because of this increased tension, HIAS is seeking to meet the largest budget in its history, $4,520,000. As budgets for relief causes go this is not large but the benefits it may bestow are exceptional. It will be devoted to giving personal service and assistance in their travels to those who have come to feel that every man’s hand is against them. It could be a means of restoring some measure of faith in human nature to those who have grounds for doubting whether faith, hope and charity stand for anything in the modern world.